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15th District police departments get technology appropriations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today announced that passage of the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations bill will include funding several police departments' technology initiatives in the 15th District. The bill passed the House by a vote of 397 to 19. The bill awaits Senate passage and the President's signature.

"This is money that will add value to our community by enhancing safety and security, and is what I consider smart, accountable investments," Congressman Dent said. "Making America safer begins with our local police, and making sure they have the tools they need to protect us."

Funding for police departments through the federal COPS program:

- \$40,000 Technology Infrastructure Upgrade, Northampton Borough Police Department, Northampton. This funding will help the department upgrade Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) in its patrol cars, and also expand its security camera system at the police station.
- \$25,000 Technology Infrastructure Upgrade, West Pottsgrove Township Police Department, West Pottsgrove Township. The department will use funding to purchase in-car mobile data computers.

- \$25,000 Technology Infrastructure Upgrade, Fountain Hill Police Department, Fountain Hill. This funding will help the department purchase new mobile and portable radios for officers in the field.
- \$25,000 Technology Infrastructure Upgrade, Emmaus Borough Police Department, Emmaus Borough. This funding will enable the department to purchase Mobile Video Systems for seven patrol vehicles and one investigator vehicle.
- \$20,000 Technology Infrastructure Upgrade, Wilson Borough Police Department, Wilson Borough, PA. Department is seeking \$20,000 to purchase new Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for use in their patrol vehicles.

"I'm proud of the police officers that assist citizens in need every day, so my door is always open to them when they are in need of assistance," Congressman Dent said.

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